

Bollington Harriers AGM 2019 - 17/08/2019

Welcome by Gogs Davies (Chair)

Stated that all suggestions and questions are welcomed from the membership.

The treasurer detailed the clubs finances for the year.

The committee have agreed to maintain the current membership fee of £10 per year.

Current membership numbers stated as 183, made up of 167 existing members and 16 who joined through the couch to 5k course.

Overall membership levels are slowly increasing.

The join date and renewal terms were discussed and an agreement was reached by membership vote that any member who joined after 1st Jun 2019 will receive 15 months membership.

The membership was asked how they felt about the current method of paying for the membership fee. After discussion, it was agreed that the current method of bank transfer will remain for the time being.

Membership of the Bollington Harriers Facebook group now exceeds 500. Strava: 155 and Instagram: 100.

Jo Evans proposed a challenge that we should try to exceed 200 members in the next year.

Welfare officers speech. Helen Clarke explained the purpose of this role and encouraged members to come forward with any issues they might have. The inclusive ethos of the club was highlighted and that it's all about having fun. The "run and talk" event was very successful.

Joyce stated how highly valued the inclusivity of the club is.

Events from the year highlighted: Christmas Run, CAFOD, Weekly runs, Parkrun, c25k, Wilmslow Half Marathon, Beyond half marathon session.

The progression that many members have achieved was highlighted.

In the Bollington 10k race, Bollington Harriers achieved 2nd placed club.

The Training and Events Officer, Andrew Langdon's review: A first aid course had been held, Run Leader course, Blaze Hill Burn race has been put on hold, The Harriers are going to help out with the Adlington Winter Warmer event. We are looking into a guide running course. There are about 15 members running in the Gritstone Grind ultra marathon this year.

The Harriers met runners Nicky Spinks and Haile Gebrselassie.

Jo Evans mentioned that the Bollington Harriers influence is spreading.

Looking ahead - The massive participation in the Gritstone Grind ultra this year by the club was highlighted and volunteers for aid stations during the event were sought.

ACTION: publicise the route so that members know where to help out. (Tristan Pemberton)

This year the club will hold the annual Christmas run.

Club supported runs are the Bollington 10k and Macclesfield Half Marathon.

Training and Events. A growing need for a sub committee has been identified for Training and Events.

The club will help more with the Bollington 10k and Bollington 3 Peaks fell race.

The creation of a Training and Events sub committee was voted in.

Andrew Dixon proposed an award for Martin Ashby for his photographic skills.

Gogs Davies expressed the committees thanks to Jo Evans for her hard work as Public Relations Officer.

Committee member positions were nominated and voted by club members present, the outcome of which follows:

Gogs Davies remains Chair

Cheryl Evans remains Vice Chair

Rebecca Andrew remains Treasurer

Tom Grimes remains Membership Secretary

Helen Clark and Andrew Vincent remain Welfare Officers

Colin Wright appointed as Public Relations Officer

Andrew Langdon remains Training and Events Secretary

Sara Knowles and Laurence Tandler appointed Training and Events Secretary. Now a three person role.

Tristan Pemberton remains Club Secretary

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Club colours were discussed and several suggestions were put forward including possibilities such as:

- A retro look
- Red/Black
- Yellow/Black

The material for the club T-shirts could be of higher quality as currently they are too heavy.

ACTION: Tom Grimes to investigate material options.

Additional training for the existing run leaders was discussed, such as First Aid, Coaching qualifications etc.

The possibility of holding club talks was suggested. Possible speakers include Andrew Vincent, Peter Parker on subjects such as Mountain Rescue, Navigation training and various running related matters.

Yoga at White Nancy was suggested.

A club weekend was suggested where various running related activities could occur.

The membership suggested that the club would benefit from an introduction to trail running event.

ACTION: Tristan P to make this happen.

Club prizes were presented to Daniel Culshaw, Sara Knowles and Monica Blanshard.